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### **Applications for Illegal Dump and Litter Abatement Grants Sought by Division of Waste Management**

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 4, 2017)** - The Energy and Environment Cabinet's (EEC) Division of Waste Management (DWM) is calling for grant applications for two of its signature programs, illegal dump cleanup and the cleanup of litter along public roads.

"These popular grant programs help Kentucky communities maintain their natural beauty and improve quality of life," said EEC Secretary Charles Snively. "The Illegal Open Dump Grant has been very successful, funding the cleanup of more than 2,300 illegal dump sites since its inception in 2006. The Litter Abatement Grant is a very simple and efficient way to help the scenic cities and counties of the Commonwealth ensure that their roads remain litter-free," added Snively.

Since 2003, state and local governments have cleaned more than 2.6 million miles of roadways with help from these grants.

### **Cleanup of Illegal Dumps**

Counties that are in compliance with their five-year solid waste management plans can now apply for funds to clean up illegal open dumps.

Grant funding comes from the Kentucky Pride Fund which is underwritten by a \$1.75 per ton fee on municipal solid waste disposed of in Kentucky's contained landfills. In the event that sufficient funds are not available to award every request, grant awards may be prioritized on several factors, including: location of the dump relative to sensitive receptors or protected areas, the relative hazard posed by the contents of the dumps and the size of the dump.

Applications must be received by Lisa Evans at the Division of Waste Management no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017. The complete, signed original application and any supporting documentation must be submitted in order for the application to be complete.

Each grant requires a 25 percent local match. Grant application packets are being sent by email to county judge-executives and solid waste coordinators. For more information, contact Lisa Evans by calling 502-782-6355 or emailing [lisa.evans@ky.gov](mailto:lisa.evans@ky.gov).

### **Litter Abatement**

Grant requests for litter cleanup will be accepted from counties in compliance with their five-year solid waste management plans and from incorporated cities which, by solid waste ordinance or other means, provide municipal solid waste collection service.

The Litter Abatement Grant program is supported by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Road Fund and Highway Construction Contingency Fund.

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